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INSPECTION REPORT

MAC'S LAND EXOTICS, INC.
CHARLOTTE METRO ZOO

4400 COOK ROAD
ROCKWELL, NC 28138

Customer ID: 1891

Certificate: 55-C-0002

Site: 001

CHARLOTTE METRO ZOO/MAC'S

Inspection

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: JUN-04-2003

2.131 (b)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

(b)(1) During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

***In May 2003, licensee exhibited one nine month old tiger (Tangie) weighing approximately 150 lbs. at the Kid's Expo in Raleigh, NC and at a mall in Gastonia, NC where direct public contact was allowed for photos. Tiger was restrained only by a loose leash while lying next to person. This situation creates more than a minimal risk of harm to the public. Big cats of this size require more safety precautions to ensure that no members of the public are harmed. Licensee stated that this size cat is no longer being used for photo-taking.

Licensee was provided with new dangerous animal handling guidelines.

3.125 (a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

***Two young tigers (10 and 14 months old) weighing 150-200 lbs. were housed in a large enclosure constructed of eight foot high chain link fencing. This enclosure is not tall enough to safely contain cats of this size. Need to house these animals in an enclosure that is appropriate for their size and jumping ability. Correct by July 5, 2003.

NOTE: Due to lateness of hour at end of inspection, report was sent by fax and certified mail on 6/5/03.

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